

# OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet

## Country:

Senegal (SN)

### Sex & Dating

- Traditional gender roles still very present with conservative social norms in rural areas
- Sexual assault punishable by law, but rarely enforced
- Similar to communication, dating in Senegal can sometimes be considered as conservative

### Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
  - Usage is considered taboo due to Islamic conservative culture
- Cannabis (marijuana) use is illegal and is not culturally accepted for recreational use

### LGBTQIA+ Culture

- SN Article 319 deems same-sex relations as “unnatural acts” and are punishable by prison
- Resources
  - Rainbow SIG
  - Diversity Abroad
  - OutRight Action International

### Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 16.9 million
- Currency: Franc
- Official Language: French
  - Greetings are typically more formal
- Approximately 95% of population is Muslim
  - Senegal is generally a very tolerant society with excellent relations between religions
- Senegalese law to carry personal ID at all times

## Resources

17 Police / 15 Ambulance / 18 Fire

+221 Country code

- International SOS
  - DU Membership Number: 11BSGC000067
  - Phone: 215.942.8478 / Website: [internationalsos.com](https://www.internationalsos.com)
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov)



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